

OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011

Instructions

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:
Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Project Details

1. **Project title:** Virtual Door Gunner Trainer (VDGT)

2. **Organization name and address** (the recipient of the funds):
Oregon National Guard
1776 Militia Way
Salem, OR 97309

3. **Contact information**
 - a. **Project's primary contact:** Brigadier General Mike Caldwell
 - b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** (503)584-3985
 - c. **Email Address:** mike.caldwell@mil.state.or.us
 - d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): Various

4. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**
The OR Air National Guard is vital to national defense and homeland security.

5. **Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?**
Public

6. **From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?** OPA3 Line 177, Training Devices, Nonsystem

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).

FY11 funding for the Virtual Door Gunner Trainer (VDGT) Program is the Army National Guard's # 1 priority for virtual helicopter crew training. The Virtual Door Gunner Trainer (VDGT) Program will allow helicopter crew chiefs to train door gunner operations in the Middle Eastern Contemporary Operating Environment (COE) and other types of terrain. VDBGT provides essential door gunner training for helicopter crews that is not now available without using very limited flying hours, ammunition, and firing ranges. Without VDBGT, National Guard crew chiefs will continue going to war without proper training in the critical skill of helicopter door gunnery.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

Virtual Door Gunner Trainer (VDGT) is a virtual door gunner trainer that allows helicopter crews to train for the situations they will face when deployed to the COE in Iraq or Afghanistan. The primary purpose of the VDBGT is to provide helicopter crew chiefs with a full training capability that allows door gunners to practice engagements from an airborne and moving helicopter. During training exercises the helicopter is engaged by insurgents using multiple weapons including rifles, machineguns, and RPGs. The VDBGT provides a means that will allow helicopter air crews to train to defend themselves from ground fire. The VDBGT provides the training capabilities necessary to achieve and sustain required combat readiness levels for air crews.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Congressional Funding History: **FY 2010** – No Funds, **FY 2009** - No Funds, **FY 2008** - \$4.8 Million, **FY 2007** - \$1.3 Million

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project: \$2.5 Million

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

\$2.5 Million is needed for the procurement of Virtual Door Gunner Trainers (VDGT) for the Oregon National Guard.

12. What is the total cost of the project? \$2.5 Million

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)?

Yes

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

None

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.

None

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